

Message from Superintendent Ritz

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Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz July 8, 2016

Last week I had the opportunity to make a few remarks at the Holocaust Day of Remembrance ceremony and recognize eighth grade student winners of an essay contest. The theme of their written pieces was to explain why and how they should promote respect and peace. I also had the pleasure to speak with Eva Kor (see photo) a Holocaust survivor. Eva founded the [CANDLES](#) Holocaust museum in Terre Haute. Eva is an advocate of forgiveness, a champion of human rights and a tireless educator. She helped pass an Indiana law requiring Holocaust education in secondary schools. She is a great example of how the human spirit can overcome adversity.

I am pleased to announce the appointees to the ISTEP review panel. The ISTEP review panel was created as a result of House Enrolled Act 1395, which provides that ISTEP will end after the 2017 school year and tasks the review panel with developing assessment alternatives.

Thanks to the federal passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Indiana has the opportunity to design an assessment system that better meets the needs of Hoosier children. You can find a list of the appointed individuals [here](#)

Today the Department made a preview of the new student-centered accountability system available to all LEA's including an unofficial calculation of individual school grades. The new system is based on performance, growth and multiple measures and weighs student growth equally to performance. The Department is only releasing this information to individual schools and corporations, and will not post this information publicly since it is solely for illustrative purposes. The information provided uses data from the 2014-15 school year. The information is displayed through the new A-F report card layout so that schools and corporations may become familiar with this format prior to the official use for 2015-16 accountability. Please see this [memo](#) for more details about how to access as well as information about related upcoming professional development regarding the new accountability system.

I also want to congratulate Brown County Junior High



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students finished 2nd in the 2016 "[We the People](#)" Middle School National Invitational Competition at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, as well as Susan Gargano of Frank O'Bannon Elementary in Munster who was recently named [Indiana's Food Service employee](#) of the year and Harrison Primary Center in South Bend, which was named [Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program School](#) of the year.

Finally, the Department has released new guidance for schools focused on changes from the most recent legislative session. You can find the new guidance [here](#). This week's guidance: HEA 1005 – Teacher Leadership, Career Pathways and Mentoring and SB 189 - Military Children in Education. Please check back for additional updates.

Have a Great week!

Sincerely,

Glenda Ritz, NBCT

Superintendent of Public Instruction

ESSA Flexibility Waiver Related News

The U.S. Department of Education (USED) is working with State Education Agencies, like the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), by advising them and listening to them as federal law transitions to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). As we continue to work through USED's rule promulgation of this new law, we will keep schools, teachers and administrators updated on any new finalized items. To follow the progress of this law, USED has provided the public with a WEB PAGE and an FAQ on this transition. We have included it below for you. Thank you and we look forward to working with our stakeholders as we go through this transition. USED ESSA WEB PAGE: [Click Here](#), ESSA FAQ from USED: [Click Here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Federal Relations Director Jeff Coyne at jcoyne@doe.in.gov.



Through the Hoosier Family of Readers initiative, students and their families across the state have unlimited access to reading material on [myON](#).

IDOE Memoranda

NEW - The Office of School Finance is now accepting applications for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) on a first come, first served basis until the allocation is fully committed. The application for QZAB can be found within the attached [memo](#). An original copy of the application must be received. Fax or email will not be accepted. If you have questions please contact LaTrice Akers at (317)232-0844 or Melissa Ambre at (317)232-0841.

NEW - ADM Estimates, The Department is requesting submission of estimated average daily membership (ADM) count for the FY2017 state tuition support formula. Indiana Code 20-43-4-2 requires the Department to collect an estimate of the school corporation's average daily membership (ADM) that will result from the count of eligible pupils in September 2016.

School corporation and charter school officials have from May 4 to May 18, 2016, to submit an [ADM estimate](#). The ADM estimate should include students in grades K-12.

NEW - UPDATE: 2016 - 2017, Indiana Department of Education distributes state CTE funding for student enrollments in state approved Career & Technical Education courses. The CTE

funding memo and chart for 2016-2017 have been updated and are now posted on the DOE website at www.doe.in.gov/cte.

NEW - Formative Assessment Vendors & Tests Optional Survey 2016-17, The Indiana Department of Education is currently preparing the online 2016-17 Formative Assessment Grant Request to Participate Form, which will include the list of approved vendors and formative tests for the 2016-17 school year. School corporations, charter schools and accredited nonpublic schools now have an opportunity to request that other vendors and tests not currently on the list be considered as additions to the [current list](#) by responding to the following survey link. If the vendors and tests ([English test](#) & [Math test](#)) your schools would like to use are already on the list, there is no need to complete this optional survey. [Survey Link](#)

IREAD-3 Spring 2016 Results - Next Phase, Additional IREAD-3 results for Spring, 2016 were released to Corporation and School Test Coordinators through PearsonAccess. These results include the following: Undetermined Status information by test section, an electronic copy of Individual Student Reports; and the Student Data File. It is important to note that summary results, such as passing percentages, are embargoed until released by the Department later this month. However, individual student performance information may be shared with parents now.

Elementary Reading Plan 2016-17, is due by June 30, 2016. Pursuant to state regulations the State Board of Education is required to request all State Board accredited schools with kindergarten through grade 3 to submit an annual [Elementary Reading Plan](#). Reading Plans should be submitted online to the Department of Education's [web site](#). Principals will utilize their personal school/pin login to access DOE Online. Topic

2016 IDOE Office of School Finance Budget Workshop, The Indiana Department of Education Office of School Finance will sponsor a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, June 29, 2016. The workshop will be held in the Performing Arts Center at Pike High School, 6701 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis. See [attachment](#)

[Dual Language Immersion Pilot Program Grant](#) is now available. Applications are due by 4:00pm on May 13, 2016. Priority consideration in the FY 2016-2017 application process will be given to the FY 2015-2016 grant winning schools in good standing. Please direct questions to Jill Woerner at jwoerner@doe.in.gov or 317-234-5705.

New Food Service Director Training (FSD 101), The Indiana Department of Education invites new School Food Service Directors to learn more about USDA's Child Nutrition Programs. The IDOE is interested in building a strong relationship with new Food Service Directors in order to promote successful school food service operations. The IDOE is interested in building a strong relationship with new Food Service Directors in order to promote successful school food service operations. This one day orientation will be held, July 26, 2016, Zionsville Community Schools, Educational Services Center. Click [here](#) to register. Click [here](#) for an agenda.

Public School Transfers (IC 20-26-11-32), requires public school corporations to report to the Indiana Department of Education the date by which requests to transfer must be received by the school corporation. [Please use the following link to report](#), no later than July 1, 2016. The Indiana Department of Education will post the information on: <http://www.doe.in.gov/public-school-transfers>. For additional information call 317/232-9150 or cdanyluk@doe.in.gov

Dual Credit Advisory Committee Update: As many schools are aware, high school teachers who are teaching dual credit courses in Indiana must now meet, or make plans to meet by 2022, the recently revised [credentialing guidelines](#), as set forth by the [Higher Learning Commission](#). The Superintendent is co-chair of the Dual Credit Advisory Committee and has provided updates on the most recent meeting. ([see memorandum](#))

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Professional Development

NEW - Teachers' Toolbox - In the May issue of Teachers' Toolbox, our content area specialists have curated a wealth of resources for you as you plan the next school year. Over the summer, our specialists will be traveling around the state providing professional development opportunities for teachers. Make sure to check out when a specialist is in your area! We hope these materials and strategies assist you with your daily mission of improving learning opportunities for students.

CCR Bridge Courses - Literacy and Math Readiness Course Training in Indiana, The CCR Bridge courses are **two new courses** for students who have completed the minimal requirements (with course grades of C- and/or D) for college preparatory work, but who still need support with the transition to college courses and with testing at the required level on

placement assessments. The CCR Bridge courses will help students learn skills necessary to successfully meet the requirements for college-level English and Mathematics courses.

Registration Link: [Here](#) Literacy Ready Questions? Contact Jill Lyday at jlyday@doe.in.gov.

Math Ready Questions? Contact Bill Reed at wreed@doe.in.gov.

Indiana School Health conference, June 14th and 15th in Indianapolis for the annual Indiana School Health conference brought to you by the Indiana School Health Network and Covering Kids and Families of Indiana. [Register now](#) Visit www.inschoolhealth.org for the latest information

AP Summer Institute at the Indiana Academy - The Indiana Academy will be hosting an AP Summer Institute on the campus of Ball State University July 11th-14th and July 18th-2st.

The workshops are subject-specific and provide teachers with support and training needed to teach AP courses. For more information visit: www.bsu.edu/academy/summer

IDOE PD Series: Summer lovin, learning and leading, Summer Professional Development Opportunities for teachers and school leaders. The IDOE is pleased to offer regional summer professional development from our Subject Matter Experts! This half-day workshop will cover a variety of topics that will take participants on a deeper dive into their content areas. see the [attached flyer](#).

Indiana State Library's INSPIRE Digital Literacy Resource, [INSPIRE](#) has licensed TeachingBooks.net - a service that enhances your literacy work with instructional and primary source materials about the books and authors your students are reading. To learn more register for INSPIRE Webinars covering a variety of topics including Indiana reading lists, cross curricular resources and more. Details [Here](#) or email accounts@TeachingBooks.net or call [\(800\) 596-0710](tel:(800)596-0710)

Indiana State Fair Field Trips are an opportunity for Classroom and Home Educators to enhance classroom curriculum by utilizing an educational experience that cannot be accomplished in the classroom setting. Field trips require [pre-registration](#) and 15 or more students of the appropriate grade level of the selected field trip.

Indiana Education Service Centers offer a variety of professional development opportunities. To learn more about professional learning opportunities in your area, visit the website of an Education Service Center in your area.

- [Region 8 Education Service Center](#)
- [Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Northwest Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Southern Indiana Education Service Center](#)
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Information from Other Agencies

The Department of Workforce Development has released the first edition of their newsletter, *Engage, Align, Advance*, which highlights examples of employer-educator engagement and career readiness work across the state. The newsletter will also include how demand-specific information may be incorporated into the classroom and advising opportunities. To view the first newsletter and to sign up to receive future newsletters, visit: <http://www.in.gov/dwd/EAA.htm>.

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and National Institute of Justice recently announced that they are seeking applications for the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative. Local schools are allowed to apply and you can find more information here (<http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-9093.pdf>). The deadline to apply is May 27, 2016.

[This week on The Friday Zone](#) - Head to a glassblowing studio to see how amazing and

delicate works of art are made with super-heat and extra care. Meet a Master Builder at the LEGO KidsFest. Felix gets a lesson in the importance of healthy bones. [The Friday Zone](#) is a weekly program on Indiana PBS stations that uses hands-on demonstrations to teach children in grades K-2 principles drawn from state educational standards. Check your local station for times.

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